



# CITY OF LODI COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

**AGENDA TITLE:** Adopt Resolution Authorizing City Manager to Negotiate and Purchase Three Type 2 Medium Bus (Dial-A-Ride) Transit Vehicles Off of the State Contract, Authorizing Conversion of the Three Vehicles to Compressed Natural Gas (CNG), and Appropriating Funds (\$295,000)

**MEETING DATE:** January 18, 2006

**PREPARED BY:** Public Works Director

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** That the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and purchase three type 2 medium bus transit vehicles off of the State contract, authorizing conversion of the three vehicles to compressed natural gas (CNG), and appropriating funds.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The City of Lodi currently operates numerous CNG vehicles and a fueling station. The City of Lodi's Transit Division currently operates a fleet of 25 transit vehicles. Of those 25 vehicles, 20 operate on CNG. The Council recently authorized the City Manager to purchase five new vehicles allowing the City to reach its commitment to the Air Resources Board of a 100% CNG fleet. The City of Lodi received grant funding to replace five (5) gasoline transit vehicles in 2005/2006. The five new vehicles replaced five older gasoline vehicles in our fleet which will be sold out of state to meet the requirements of the grant funding. The three additional vehicles proposed are standard Dial-A-Ride style transit vehicles. Staff is requesting the purchase of these three additional vehicles due to the excessive age of our current fleet and the ongoing maintenance requirements associated with an older fleet.

Staff is recommending that the three new gasoline vehicles be procured off of the State contract due to the limited availability of CNG vehicles and the ease of procurement it provides. Those three vehicles will then be converted to CNG prior to the City taking possession. The Transportation and Fleet and Facilities Managers are meeting with staff from the maintenance shop and transit operations to select the options available on the vehicle. The three vehicles will be paid for utilizing \$180,000 in Transportation Development Act (TDA) Local Transportation Fund Transit Capital funds with the remainder coming from outstanding fare revenue from previous years. It is anticipated the cost of each vehicle will be \$90,000. In addition to the appropriation for the three vehicles, staff is requesting that the City Council appropriate an additional \$25,000 for the five vehicles previously authorized by Council to cover the taxes and fees for the vehicles, including the State of California's procurement fee.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Failure to award the vehicles would result in higher maintenance costs. The addition of these three vehicles to the fleet will allow Transit to better accommodate routine maintenance and peaks in the service.

**FUNDING AVAILABLE:** The bus purchases will be utilizing:

Transportation Development Act/Fares	\$180,000
Fares	\$115,000

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RESOLUTION NO. 2006-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER  
TO NEGOTIATE AND PURCHASE THREE TYPE 2 MEDIUM BUS (DIAL-A-RIDE)  
TRANSIT VEHICLES THROUGH THE STATE CONTRACT, AUTHORIZING  
CONVERSION OF THE VEHICLES TO COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS, AND  
FURTHER APPROPRIATING FUNDS

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WHEREAS, Lodi Municipal Code Section 3.20.070 authorizes dispensing with bids for purchases of supplies, services, or equipment when it is in the best interest of the City to do so; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lodi currently operates numerous compressed natural gas (CNG) vehicles and a fueling station, and the City Transit Division currently operates a fleet of 25 transit vehicles, of which 20 operate on CNG; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recently authorized the City Manager to purchase five new vehicles allowing the City to reach its commitment to the Air Resources Board of a 100% CNG fleet; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends purchasing three additional standard Dial-A-Ride style transit vehicles to be procured through the State of California contract due to the limited availability of CNG vehicles and the ease of procurement provided by the State contract; and

WHEREAS, staff further recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to negotiate a change order with Creative Bus Sales to convert the vehicles to CNG, and appropriate funds in the amount of \$295,000 for the three vehicles and an additional \$25,000 for the five vehicles previously approved to cover the taxes and fees for the vehicles, including the State of California's procurement fee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lodi City Council does hereby authorize the City Manager to negotiate and purchase three Type 2 Medium Bus (Dial-A-Ride) Transit Vehicles through the State of California contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to negotiate a change order with Creative Bus Sales to convert the vehicles to CNG prior to the City taking possession to comply with the grant funding requirements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funds be appropriated as follows:

Transportation Development Act/Fares	\$180,000
Fares	\$15,000

Dated: January 18, 2006

I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2006-15 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held January 18, 2006, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Beckman, Hansen, Johnson, Mounce, and  
Mayor Hitchcock

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

  
SUSAN J. BLACKSTON  
City Clerk